

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

May 19, 2011
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on May 12, 2011 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending May 18, 2011 in the amount of \$ 263,318.53 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of May 12 – May 18, 2011
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from March 21 – May 16, 2011
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on May 16, 2011
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for April 2011

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 941,420.13 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Reality Check and the Adirondack Tobacco Free Network to host a Press Event in Trinity Park on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 between 3:45 pm and 4:30 pm in honor of “World No Tobacco Day.”

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Discussion:

Councilor Carpenter said I attended this last year and got an awful lot out of it. I know we have a representative would you mind standing up and explaining what you will be doing that day.

Dana Isabella the Program Director from Reality Check spoke about the program and event.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER OF THE PLATTSBURGH HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD TO CLAYTON MORRIS EFFECTIVE MAY 20, 2011 TO MAY 20, 2016.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. REQUEST FROM NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation proposes to replace two

structures, BIN 1034021 and BIN 1034022, over the Delaware and Hudson Railroad on Interstate 87 located in Clinton County. The project begins on Interstate 87 at a point approximately 200 m (656 ft) south of the structure and proceeds northerly, terminating on Interstate 87 at a point approximately 480 m (1575 ft) north of the structure.

WHEREAS, in conformance with Section 104 and Section 10, Subdivision 19 of the New York State Highway Law, the New York State Department of Transportation proposes to utilize the following street as a detour during the period from the spring of 2012 to the fall of 2012: Boynton Avenue from the intersection of South Bound NYS Route 22 proceeding northeasterly approximately 215 m (705 ft) to the intersection of North Bound NYS Route 22. The New York State Department of Transportation also proposes to utilize the following street as a detour during the period from the spring of 2013 to the fall of 2013: Boynton Avenue from the intersection of North Bound NYS Route 22 proceeding northeasterly approximately 457 m (1500 ft) to the intersection of US Route 9.

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation will erect and maintain detour signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh does hereby authorize the New York State Department of Transportation to utilize the above mentioned street as a detour and maintain traffic on them in accordance with subsection 619 of its Standard Specifications during the period of necessity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City of Plattsburgh will continue to provide routine maintenance on the above mentioned roads and streets, including snow and ice control.

BE FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Clerk of the Common Council is hereby directed to transmit five (5) certified copies of this resolution to New York State Department of Transportation, 317 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601, Attn: Brian A Baxter, PE.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign and submit said application along with all required certifications per the following: Authorizing submission of a fiscal year 2011 Community Development Block Grant office for community renewal grant application.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from Seth Silver of 40 Trafalgar Drive to close down part of Trafalgar Drive on June 18, 2011 from 11 am to 6 pm to have a safe area for their second annual block party.
2. Request from Kevin Farrington City Engineer that the Mayor be authorized to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Barton & Loguidice for the “Multi-Use Path Construction project from George Angell Drive to the Saranac Street Bridge.”
3. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from March 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010 in the total amount of \$5,929.91. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .33%.
4. Request from Kevin Farrington City Engineer that Contract # 2011-17 “Survey for Green Street” be awarded to Machabee Land Surveying in the amount of \$1,860.00 and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement.
5. Request from Kevin Farrington City Engineer that Contract # 2011-11 “Ready Mix Concrete” be awarded to Graymont Materials (NY) Inc. for a total estimated cost of \$36,400.00.
6. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for two Police Officers to attend the “Homicide and Non Fatal shooting Training” in Onondaga County, NY from June 8 – 9, 2011 at an estimated cost that will not exceed \$512 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture fund, travel expense.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Jackson said I’d like to hold a special meeting next Thursday, May 26, 2011 after the Common Council meeting to discuss one topic which is the purchase of transmission congestion charges.

Mayor Kasprzak said one of our department heads is attending his last Council meeting officially as he is going to retire next Wednesday. That’s Chief Paul Williams of our Fire Department. Of course, Gail is always here with him I’m sorry to hear that. The Chief has been attending these for many years as Captain as well. I’m not going to give a speech this evening about my relationship with Paul, but, we did start as everybody probably knows by now, in 1989 when I ran for Alderman and I was elected and subsequently elected for a second term. During that time he was President of the Fire Union and quite frankly we had some very interesting discussions over the years. I can honestly tell you all that through all of those situations and discussions that we obviously maintained a very personal relationship and nothing was taken out of

context or even when we disagreed it wasn't any personal attacks. I felt so strongly about all of that when I was returning as Mayor, I appointed him as the Department Head. I chuckle every time anyone says I'm anti-union because I forced Mr. Brodi in to the same position when he was a former Union President and we didn't agree. We still don't agree but that's fine. I can honestly tell you that Chief Williams has done an outstanding job as the Fire Chief as well as since he's been with the City of Plattsburgh beginning in 1975, I believe. So I just wanted to mention in this official capacity as Chief this will be his last meeting. I have a feeling he will be attending meetings in the future, but, I just wanted to let everyone know that. Paul, thank you very much, you've done an outstanding job and you're a friend. Although, we always disagreed we were very professional about it and I respect that most about you, too.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:43 pm